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Tamburitizans educational ensemble

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The Tamburitizans, a 45-member company of musicians and dancers from Duquesne University of Pittsburgh, thrilled a large audience at Tuesday evening's **Review** final concert of the Rapid City Concert Association's series.

This outstanding ensemble, started in 1937, has grown in size and quality until today it is considered one of the outstanding ethnic-oriented performance groups in the World.

The program opened with the entire ensemble performing a Croatian song titled "I Like to Dance." The professionalism of the performance

set the tone for the excellence of the remainder of the program.

The "Slovenian Shaking Dance" featured the small orchestra led by Mark Spiladic performing on the string instrument known as a blazinica. The violinist Ildiko Magyar provided competition with the leader's virtuosity and the two battled musically until the orchestra was performing at a breakneck tempo.

It was a great display of technical skill and proved to be one of many crowd pleasers during the evening. Stefanie Schoba, vocal soloist, sang "You are My Old Love," a beautiful contemporary Croatian song of lost love. The song was performed with great skill and with excellent tone quality.

An interesting performance on the rare and unique sounding Hurdy-Gurdy was performed by Kalman Magyar on this instrument. The dancers performed the bottle dance and the fast cradles to the unique-sounding accompaniment.

After the intermission the entire ensemble performed several Polish folk dances. These were spirited and vigorous and gave the audience another example of the ethnic music and dance styles found in Eastern Europe.

The performance of violinist Ildiko Magyar in the Romanian melody "The Last" was excellent and was performed with great skill and musicianship.

The orchestra's performance of some Bulgarian and Macedonian Airs featuring Ljubomir Cverkovac on clarinet, Vuk Kandic on accor-

dion, and Kalman Magyar on bagpipe and small drum was outstanding.

One of the highlights of the concert was the very beautiful Ukrainian women's dance featuring the use of brightly colored ribbons and intertwining movements.

The program ended when the entire ensemble performed the well-known Ukrainian "Hopak" dance. This was the show stopper of the evening and the audience gave the performers a well-earned standing ovation.

This concert was beautifully choreographed, exciting and precise in the dancing, the costumes were superb, and the excellent music combined together to provide a wonderful evening of entertainment, which, for most in the audience was also an educational experience.

Non-alcoholic nightclub to open Friday

By Debra Holland
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The manager of a non-alcoholic nightclub on Main Street in Rapid City is hoping the third time is a charm.

After two non-alcoholic clubs failed at the location, a third, Twilight Zone, is set to open its doors at 700 Main St. at 6 p.m. Friday.

Friday's opening night will feature three local rock bands, Pipe Dreams, Sanities Crossing and Sarasin. Prizes will be given away and radio station KSDQ will do a live remote.

The rock group Survivor will appear at Twilight Zone at 9 p.m. Saturday as part of the grand opening weekend. Sarasin will open for Survivor. Survivor may best be remembered for the hit "Eye of the Tiger" from the movie "Rocky IV."

Twilight Zone Manager Keith Thompson said the club would cater to teens as well as others who preferred a non-alcoholic setting.

"We will probably see more teens than anything because they have few places to go," he said. "But we believe a variety of music and entertainment will appeal to an older crowd, too."

The club will serve soft drinks, juices and other concession items. It seats 150, has a large dance floor, pool and foosball tables, dart games and pinball machines.

Bruce Ashland and Don Jiracek, both of Rapid City, own the business.

Offering a variety of music hopefully will sustain the Twilight Zone, Thompson said. He said the two previous businesses at the location were limited to certain types of music, which eliminated many potential customers.

The new club's music will run the spectrum from rock 'n' roll to reggae and country to jazz.

"We don't want to focus on one particular style," Thompson said. "We will try to keep the interest by hitting them with something new all the time."

Thompson said some nights would be designated for country music, others for jazz and still others for rock played by disc jockeys. Local bands and semi-national acts will appear periodically.

Cover charge will range from \$2 on disc jockey nights to \$5 when local bands appear. Cover charge for Survivor is \$12.

Justice sues former Pointe West owners

The U.S. Justice Department announced Tuesday it had filed suit against the former owners of Pointe West Apartments in Rapid City for alleged housing discrimination.

The case, filed in U.S. District Court at Rapid City, charges former owners Nicholas Didier, Evelyn Didier and Kathy Didier with violating the Fair Housing Act.

The news release said the Pointe West practice

was to separate families with children from other adult renters at the seven-structure complex.

Before the charges were filed, the former owners sponsored a series of newspaper ads seeking people who felt they were victims of housing discrimination. Nick Didier said in an April interview that he was seeking to settle the case, but said the Justice Department was asking too much. The government seeks a fine and a court-ordered fund

to pay people who claimed civil rights violations.

The federal suit lists Pointe West Partnership, the former owner; Didier, the general partner; Didier and Associates, the former management company; Evelyn Didier, president; and Kathy Didier, vice president.

The release said people who believed they might have been victims of the alleged discrimination should contact the Housing Section of the Department of Justice, 202-514-4713.

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